Permission to Multinational Companies for Manufacture and Distribution of Soft Drinks

479. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of multinational companies allowed to manufacture and distribute soft drinks in India;

(b) their annual turn-over;

(c) the terms and conditions of these companies to manufacture and distribute soft drinks in India;

(d) whether these terms and conditions have been honoured by these multinational companies; and

(e) if not, the action taken against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There is no accepted definition of multi-national company. However, for practical purposes, a company having more than 40% Non-Resident interest (Popularly known as a FERA Company) is treated as a Multinational Company. Presently no multinational company is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of soft drinks in India.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Funds Provided by KVIC to Sericulture Producers

480. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to make Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) a more responsible and people oriented organisation to meet its commitments to the growing demand of the millions of poor sericulture producers;

(b) the funds in the form of working capital provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to the institutions and Boards for procuring their raw materials from existing cocoon and yarn markets which could be classified under the public/private sector/private sector lending programme or both; and

(c) the details of such institutions/Boards with their addresses, financial position, business progress and commitments to the producers particularly in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Sericulture is essentially an activity under the purview of State Govt. However, KVIC has a khadi silk programme which covers 7% of the total silk sector. The KVIC is making continuous efforts at modernising and developing this industry. It has introduced improved cottage basins in reeling of cocoons, conducting experiments for spinning of yarn on Ambar charkha and introducing semi-automatic loom.

(b) During 1989-90 the KVIC has provided working capital funds of Rs. 47.12 lakhs from its budget and Rs. 731.05 lakhs from its bank finance scheme at a concessional rate of interest of 4% to the directly assisted institutions and State KVI Boards. There is no yarn market as such in the silk khadi sector as the yarn produced by these institutions is meant for self consumption to produce silk khadi.

(c) There are about 450 directly aided institutions under silk programme of KVIC in the country.

[*Translation*]

Import of Colour TV Picture Tubes

481. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether colour TV picture tubes are being imported at present;

(b) if so, the details of imports made during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the names of the indigenous companies which are manufacturing and exporting colour TV Picture Tube?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The demand for picture tubes is being met indigenously at present. However, in case of any shortfall in indigenous production due to unforseen circumstances, Government may consider the possibility of permitting import of picture tubes to bridge the gap between demand and supply. Based on the data available on production/export of Colour TVs/Colour Picture Tubes, the import of Colour Picture Tubes is estimated as 3.2 lakhs and 4.2 lakhs during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

(c) The names of the indigenous companies which are manufacturing & exporting colour TV picture tubes are given below:—

1. M/s. JCT Electronics Ltd.
2. M/s. Uptron Colour Picture Tubes Ltd.
3. M/s. Samtel Color Ltd.

Projects of Bihar pending for clearance

482. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects of Bihar which are pending before the Planning Commission for its approval; and

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No project of Bihar is pending with the Planning Commission for investment approval.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Development of Chandigarh Villages

483. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the villages of the Chandigarh Union Territory has been selected for development Under the rural development schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) For the development of all the villages in Chandigarh, the centrally sponsored Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and the scheme of strengthening of revenue administration and updating of land records are being implemented in Chandigrah.

(b) Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, a sum of Rs. 28.14 lakh was released to the administration of Chandigarh for an envisaged employment generation of 1.08 lakh mandays in rural areas during 1990-91. Against the target, employment of 0.11 lakh mandays has been generated. An allocation of Rs. 38.81 lakh has been made for the year 1991-92. Under the scheme of strengthening of revenue administration and updating of land records, an assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakh was provided to administration of Chandigarh during 1990-91 for strengthening the revenue machinery of the territory of Chandigarh.